

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
January 2, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING

Robert Nail conducted a public hearing regarding the vacation of a portion of Shelton Circle. Robert asked for public comments and there were none and the public hearing was closed at 9:05 am.

Commissioner Craig Inzer, Jr., called the Commission Meeting to order on the 2nd Day of January, 2024 at 9:05 am and Commissioner Ramsey asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 4 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Joey Statum
District 2 – Johnny Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 6 – Craig Inzer

Absent: Jamie Grant – District 3
Jeffery Washington – District 5

After roll call the gavel was passed to Commissioner Tim Ramsey, the 2024 Commission President, to conduct the rest of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shane read and presented outgoing Commission President, Craig Inzer, Jr. with a Proclamation and a Plaque to recognize the accomplishments the Commission made during 2023.

Commissioner Inzer thanks to the Commissioners they accomplished a lot with everyone working together. He said it takes 4 to have a meeting and 4 to have a vote. He said they were working hard on the Megasite. He his family for coming to the meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:15 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was passed and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented:

CONSENT AGENDA: All items designated as “Consent” are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a commissioner so requests. If so, such item(s) will revert to New Business.

- A. That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting(s) dated December 5, 2023, and December 19, 2023, of the Etowah County Commission will be on the Agenda for the January 16th, 2024, meeting for approval.
- B. The Proposed Agenda for January 2, 2024.
- C. Any Reported Financial Transactions.
- D. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Trevor Johnson as Equipment Operator, effective January 2, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- E. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to promote William Vaughn to Road Superintendent (Unclassified), effective January 1, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$32.69.
- F. To place the name of Bradley Conaway in the Sheriff's Office job slot of Investigator, effective January 2, 2024. This is a replacement to be paid from the Sheriff's Office, General Fund, at an hourly rate of \$28.47.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, with all other member voting 'yes', the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the 'Resolution of Assent' to Vacate a portion of Shelton Circle, as recommended by the County Engineer, Robert Nail, certifying that all of the criteria have been met. A copy of the Resolution is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 12.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Craig Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, with all other member voting 'yes', the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the request of Kevin dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare one Richo Afficio SP4310N Printer (ID# 09728) as surplus. The printer has stopped working.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Johnny Grant, seconded by Commissioner Joey Statum, with all other member voting 'yes', the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the 'FY 2023 ReBuild Alabama Annual Report'. A copy of the report is filed in Attachment Book 14, Page 13.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

**Chief Administrative Officer -
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other**

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Statum said he appreciated Commissioner Inzer's leadership and asked him to please continue doing what he has been doing to help move the County forward. Commissioner Statum welcomed Sue Holland to the meeting and said he appreciated her willingness to serve.

Commissioner Johnny Grant said Commissioner Inzer did a great job and said he expected great things from Commissioner Ramsey. He said to keep it rolling and for Craig to keep up what he has been doing. He welcomed Sue Holland to the meeting and said he is running for District 2 Commissioner against him. He wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Commissioner Inzer thanked everyone. He said he would stop doing some things but will continue promoting the Megasite help out with that anyway he can. He said it's a good sign when they call you and ask you to apply for a grant (SEEDS Grant). He said we are on a good path and it would be good for the county. He said they will continue to build relationships with Gadsden and all of the other cities in the county, as well as communicating with the Mayor's Association. He thanked Shane for making it easy and thanked his wife and daughter and her friends for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey said he appreciated everyone's hard work and they are being noticed at the state level. It's been a long time coming and takes a lot of years. He thanked Robert for the ReBuild Alabama Report and it shows that the ReBuild Alabama Program is working. He looks forward to working with everyone over the next year.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Joey Statum, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members voting "yes", the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.

Joey Statum, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, President, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

ABSENT

Jeffery Washington, Commissioner, District 5

ABSENT

Jamie W. Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6